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October Ends Cool And Wet

The month of October ends cool and wet. Precipitation was received throughout the state last week, with South-Central Idaho receiving the most rain. County Extension Educators across the state reported that recent rains have improved topsoil moisture. Temperatures throughout the state varied from 57 to 69 degrees during the day and from 21 to 32 degrees during the night. For the week ending October 29, Idaho farmers had an average of 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork. According to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, major farm activities included fall field work, planting winter wheat, harvesting potatoes, sugarbeets, corn for grain, and apples.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	2000	1999	Avg.
Apples Harvested	92	85	84
Corn Harvested for Grain	38	28	35

CROP REPORT

Winter wheat planted is near completion across the state at 97 percent, while over three fourths of the crop has emerged. The harvest of sugarbeets and corn for grain continues throughout the state. Apple harvest in the Treasure Valley is nearly complete at 92 percent. Statewide, topsoil moisture was reported to be 2% very short, 20% short, 63% adequate, and 15% surplus.

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Cattle and sheep are reported in good condition throughout the state. Producers continue to wean, vaccinate, market yearlings and lambs, and pregnancy check. County Extension Educators in Caribou County reported that pasture conditions have improved a little with the fall moisture.

CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	17	27	40	16	0
Winter Wheat	0	0	6	91	3

CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 29, 2000

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	100	96	94	74	72	74	100	92	96	98	99	99	97	94	94
Emerged	74	38	55	49	29	38	91	65	70	82	82	85	77	56	66
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	100	98	97	97	98	96	99	99	99	99	99	98
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	23	65	58	78	79	74	78	90	88	67	78	72

Avg (1995-1999); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, October 29, 2000 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40° Base	50° Base To Date	Normal	Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of October	March 1 To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D'Alene	57	30	44	-1	3752	1864	1853	0.27	-0.00	1.46	11.54	14.27
Lewiston	61	31	45	-3	4963	2804	2787	0.19	-0.04	1.27	8.67	7.82
Sand Point 5/	59	24	--	--	3335	1538	1451	0.03	-0.70	0.93	14.73	16.60
Southwest												
Boise	63	32	49	1	5311	3150	2626	0.60	0.39	2.64	7.10	6.70
Caldwell	61	30	47	-1	5214	3026	2914	0.00	-0.19	0.03	2.84	5.67
Emmett	63	30	48	0	5017	2873	2603	0.90	0.66	1.79	5.67	6.67
Mountain Home	63	28	47	-0	5328	3174	2570	0.50	0.31	1.54	5.17	5.59
Parma	63	29	47	2	5099	2927	2429	0.55	0.36	2.05	6.00	6.25
Weiser 5/	62	30	--	--	5361	3194	2461	0.03	-0.14	0.45	3.58	5.60
Southcentral												
Buhl	63	30	47	1	4956	2882	2111	0.25	0.07	1.05	4.15	5.69
Burley	69	29	49	4	5036	2924	1988	0.69	0.52	1.39	4.19	5.88
Hill City	60	23	43	2	3355	1637	1312	1.00	0.75	2.31	7.25	6.62
Hagerman	67	27	46	-3	5081	2962	2688	0.26	-0.01	0.68	3.80	5.18
Malta 5/	61	32	--	--	4349	2364	1827	0.18	0.09	0.58	3.70	6.27
Twin Falls	65	28	46	1	4370	2357	1885	0.10	-0.10	0.89	4.92	6.09
East												
Aberdeen 5/	--	--	--	--	3740	1938	1600	0.00	-0.18	0.00	2.17	6.33
Grace	63	26	44	3	3762	1948	1410	0.45	0.20	1.85	9.91	10.80
Idaho Falls	61	26	45	4	3701	1878	1708	0.07	-0.11	1.23	7.07	7.39
Malad City	61	28	48	5	4468	2556	1876	0.44	0.20	1.17	3.89	9.80
Pocatello	64	24	46	2	4274	2337	1976	0.39	0.18	0.91	4.97	7.84
Rexburg	59	28	46	5	3732	1929	1576	0.00	-0.19	1.01	2.99	9.14
Salmon	61	21	42	0	3769	1901	1720	0.02	-0.07	0.74	2.23	7.62

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average ¹	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Buhl	56	40	58	42	58	44	60	50	58	46	56	44	58	47	58	45
Emmett	57	49	56	48	57	48	57	50	53	52	58	53	52	52	56	50
Parma	52	50	52	50	50	48	52	50	52	50	52	50	51	50	52	50
Sandpoint	47	41	48	42	47	40	47	34	47	37	--	--	--	--	47	39
Twin Falls	49	40	50	42	52	41	53	47	52	45	50	42	49	46	51	43

1/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.

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